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Biggest shutdown in city's history; unions united

By Elmer Bendiner

A NEWSPAPER publisher last week deplored the "whimsical proclivities" of the AFL Intl. Photo-engravers Union, Local 1. He said: "The rank-and-file really run that union. They pay very little attention to what their leaders say."

The 400 "whimsical" engravers struck Saturday morning for a package of wage-raises and benefits totaling $15 a week. The Publishers Assn. offered a $3.75 package and a new contract described by some union spokesmen as worse than the existing agreement. Then followed an almost unprecedented unity of N.Y. newspaper labor. Typographers, pressmen, mailers, business, circulation and editorial workers, organized into AFL, CIO and independent unions, refused to cross the photo-engravers' picket lines. In other newspaper strikes unions have crossed each others' lines, undercut each other's bargaining.

UNIONS UNITED: The unity shown last week had its origins in the **Journal of Commerce** strike of 1948-49, when pressmen, stereotypers and paper-handlers in their separate craft unions walked out to back up striking typographers and mailers. When the **World-Telegram** was struck in June, 1950, all unions respected the picket lines and publishers for the first time faced a united working force.

Last week that unity closed down six of the city's seven big dailies, leaving on the news-stands on Monday the **Herald Tribune** and **Daily Worker** (which use outside commercial photo-engraving plants), the **Wall St. Journal,** foreign-language and suburban press.

MANAGEMENT, TOO: Labor unity was quickly matched by an unprecedented management unity. The **Tribune,** which clearly stood to profit by Christmas-season display advertising and a sky-rocketing circulation boost, originally planned to press its free-enterprise advantage still further by publishing the other papers' news in four-page inserts at advertising rates.

The unions declared they would regard any material coming from the struck papers as "hot copy," and would refuse to run it. By Monday morning it was plain that behind-the-scenes pressure had further wiped out the **Tribune's** promised bonanza. Instead of the fat issue expected, the **Tribune** appeared with eight pages and no advertising. Newsdealers reported that customers hefted the paper gingerly and many left without buying.

ODDLY BASIC: The **Tribune** explained it had eliminated advertising in order to get the "basic news" to the maximum number of readers. The paper's idea of what was basic seemed odd: it ran its full schedule of comics, a crossword puzzle, sports page, business and trade news columns, ship arrivals, a dog show summary, recipes (with three-column head: "New Orleans Coffee Comes Back"), columnists, book reviews, letters, obituaries, real estate and two pages of news.

On Tuesday it suspended publication altogether, claiming it was "being used as an instrument to obstruct normal collective bargaining." The N.Y. Newspaper Guild said the **Tribune** "deliberately deprived the city of any source of written news. Let no New York publisher ever dare talk again of responsibility to the public. To fill the void, the Newspaper Guild is contemplating the immediate publication of a newspaper as a public service."

The Guild prepared for a full strike, announced that strike benefits would be paid as of Wednesday morning, that dues of Guildsmen on unaffected papers would be upped 5% per week for the duration.

STRIKE GOES ON: In negotiations the publishers had held out for arbitrating all key issues of wages, holidays, vacations and the contract's date. Before the strike began the photo-engravers had rejected arbitration by 207 to 147. Dennis M. Burke, pres. of Local 1, seemed to regret that action at the time, commented that the membership "did not have sufficient time to evaluate the proposal."

But on Wednesday morning, after four days of strike and bargaining, Burke went before a union membership meeting and said the only things agreed upon had been what would go into arbitration if there was to be any. When he said he and the negotiating committee advised against arbitration the membership cheered vigorously, forecasting the vote. Two union officers who urged acceptance were applauded faintly or not at all. The vote to continue the strike was 287 to 47; members greeted the vote announcement with a shouting ovation. However, they also agreed to shave their demand from a $15 weekly package increase to $7.50.

"I'M DEAD": Many newsstands shut down; in the subways men in work clothes were seen reading the **Wall St. Journal; Daily Worker** sales increased, the **Sunday Enquirer** became a daily but carried little news, headed its strike story: "The Enquirer Stands Alone." Radio advertising boomed; the National Broadcasting Co. sent out three young men with portable radios and sandwich boards reading: "Ask Me For The News." Dept. stores complained. One buyer said: "I've got a huge promotional ad ready to go next Sunday. The merchandise is all bought and everything is ready to go. If I can't advertise I'm dead."

The **News** reported its loss of advertising at $1,400,000 a week; the **Times** at $100,000 a day. Neither made any move to raise the pay and improve the working conditions of 400 photo-engravers.

Bring articles like this into the homes of more people who need facts with which to work for peace and a better America. GET ONE NEW GUARDIAN READER THIS WEEK.

THERE WAS NO NEWS FIT TO PRINT
Pickets marching in front of the Times Bldg.

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YOU'RE PAYING FOR IT

Who is behind the brain-washing of city teachers?

EVERY teacher in the public school system, perhaps including college faculties, will shortly receive a pamphlet titled: "Permit Communist-Conspirators to Be Teachers?" by Hamilton A. Long. It will cost the taxpayers $2,000. Last spring when it first appeared, the pamphlet set the taxpayers back at least as much. The U.S. Govt. Printing Office published 17,000 copies for U.S. Senators, 25,000 for Representatives.

When Rep. Fred E. Busbey (R-Ill.) read it into the Congressional Record he commended it "to every red-blooded, patriotic American."

DEVOTION: Major Long, a retired lawyer and ex-intelligence officer, reached at his residence, the Columbia University Club, said in the Busbey vein that he was devoting himself completely to exposing "the conspiracy." Asked what conspiracy, he said: "Whenever I use the word 'conspiracy' I always mean communist conspiracy."

He said he was probably the first to bring his pamphlet to the attention of Supt. of Schools Jansen (who is quoted at length in it); the Board of Education promptly ordered 35,000 for the city's teachers. An anonymous backer, Long said, had agreed to buy another 4,000 for every college teacher in the system. Pres. of the Bd. of Higher Education Joseph B. Cavallaro, currently preparing an extensive witch-hunt, said he didn't know whose money the board would be using but predicted it would accept the offer, distribute the pamphlet.

The same mysterious backer offered to buy 4,000 more for teachers in parochial schools of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York. The Major said these distributions were "only the beginning."

DEFINITION: The pamphlet makes one central point: "Every teacher, on committing the overt act of joining the conspiracy, knowingly becomes a teacher-conspirator and—under long-established and soundly-founded American principles applicable to all conspiracies—is chargeable with guilt by association of persons (not guilt by association of ideas) and therefore, is chargeable with personal responsibility for the conspiracy's program and actions in executing it."

His definition of conspiracy "embraces not only any Communist organization such as the so-called 'Communist Party' but the entire Communist movement and its apparatus—underground as well as open."

DOCUMENTATION: The Major documents his case with quotations from Communist literature of 1918-1936 and substantial excerpts from more recent informers' testimony. He assails the position that a teacher ought to be judged by his work in the classroom, finds anti-communist Prof. Sidney Hook weak on this point and attacks the American Assn. of University Professors. He cites as authority Atty. Gen. A. Mitchell Palmer of 1920's "red raids."

Major Long was for years a premature McCarthyite. In 1950 he published "America's Tragedy—Today," a pamphlet in which he said: "The Truman Administration's High Command is now a captive of the Communist conspiracy." His list of those who allegedly collaborated with subversives included President Roosevelt, George Marshall, Henry Stimson, Robert Patterson, James Forrestal.

Another pamphlet of the Major's, "Usurpation of Power,

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Wagner's Red-hunter
Peter Campbell Brown, special assistant to U.S. Atty. Gen. McGrath under Truman, ex-chairman of the Subversive Activities Control Board, was named last week by Mayor-elect Wagner to head the city's Dept. of Investigation. Wagner has denied that he plans a formal loyalty board, but indicated its purposes could be achieved otherwise. Daily News (11/29) predicted a drive on all "communists" in city employ despite Wagner's disclaimer of a loyalty board.

WAR ON THE WATERFRONT

Dockers tie up port for day to protest as generals take over; rank and file frozen out

LAST Tuesday the Generals moved in on the waterfront. The N.Y.-N.J. Waterfront Commission under Lt. Gen. George P. Hays and Maj. Gen. Edward C. Rose had set Dec. 1 as their D-day and in the morning were prepared to enforce the toughest screening, strait-jacketing regime ever devised officially for a sector of U.S. labor. There was resistance; most piers were picketed and few were worked the day the commission took over.

Under the commission's rules no man can work on the docks who has not been registered, fingerprinted, in some cases licensed. Screened out of their livelihood are those with record of a felony (unless forgiven by the commission), those with "overthrow the government by force and violence" affiliations, or any who might trouble the port's peace.

THE SHAPE-UP MOVED INDOORS
The bosses were the same, the dockers had no voice

HELLO REFORM: The shape-up has been moved indoors into government offices. It had been generally recognized as an evil, putting longshoremen at the mercy of corrupt hiring bosses. The Generals' hiring reform, as it operated Tuesday morning, showed many of the old bosses at work but each had been obliged to quit the union. The old system ran in the old way except that now the rank and file had not even a theoretical say in hiring.

The old Intl. Longshoremen's Assn. had at first called for a boycott of the registration. Later, when it seemed that many would lose their jobs unless they registered, the union recommended compliance. The union was appealing the constitutionality of the screening in the courts when the commission took over.

The new AFL-ILA had at first conferred with Gov. Dewey, author of the plan, announced full compliance, then tempered its co-operation by saying that after the port was "cleaned up" it would press for repeal.

"LOCKED OUT": On Tuesday morning the commission faced pickets, men whom the commission had turned down or failed to process in time. There was no doubt how they felt about the new regime. Their placards read: "We want to work but we're locked out."

Longshoremen who had registered, and been approved, refused to walk through the lines.

"WE FEEL SORRY": John Dwyer, co-chairman of the AFL-ILA, told the GUARDIAN his view of the pickets who he said were all old ILA men: "This is their way of defying the law. We feel very sorry for them. They're just tools of these guys on top. They have our sympathy. There seems to be some question of this violating the federal injunction." (An ILA strike in October was halted by a Taft-Hartley 80-day injunction.)

Captain William V. Bradley, successor to Joseph P. Ryan, talked as Ryan had many times when faced with a rank-and-file strike. He told the GUARDIAN: "We're trying to get the men to see reason and go back."

On Tuesday night the Shipping Assn. said it faced a "general strike." All forces in the port were quickly mobilized against the longshoremen. The old ILA held a N.Y. Dist. Council meeting. Later, ILA vice pres. "Packy" Connelly summed up for GUARDIAN: "Capt. Bradley and myself told them they'd have to go back to work and they've gone."

AFL-ILA's Dwyer ordered his men to work any pier anywhere "regardless of pickets."

U.S. marshals picked up many pickets, held them for a grand jury hearing.

On Wednesday morning all piers were being worked.

Cotters evicted at Levittown; fight goes on

ON Friday, Nov. 27, Marshal Philip Munson nailed an eviction notice on the door of the Levittown, L.I., home of Mr. and Mrs. William Cotter and their five children, setting off a dramatic week-end struggle to break the lily-white policies of the town's owners. Mid-Island Properties, Levittown's managers, refusing to sell a home to the Cotters, who are Negro, have been trying to evict the family from the house they have been subletting there (GUARDIAN, 11/16).

At 6 a.m Saturday the Cotters' friends and neighbors began gathering in the yard. Signs reading "Levittown is a Democratic Community" and "Negroes and Whites Should Live Together" decked the windows. By 10:30 a.m. when the Marshal forced his way in several hours in advance of the legal time limit, 300 people had gathered. As movers began carrying out the Cotters' possessions, the family's supporters, led by a Negro nurse who warned the police she was not afraid of their guns, carried the furniture back in through another door. The Marshal was persuaded to hold off the eviction while the Cotters' lawyer, Calvin Cobb of Amityville, sought a last minute stay.

At 3 p.m. Tuesday 7 marshals, 6 squad cars, 10 husky movers and an officer of the court moved out the Cotters' belongings. Sixty neighbors along with schoolmates of the Cotter children, gathered to help Mrs. Cotter pack. Cotter said he would try to buy a Levittown house from one of the several private owners who had offered to sell to him.

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What the "Big Three" won't talk about at Bermuda

This aspect of the "free world alliance" will not be discussed because it would be embarrassing to admit that it isn't an alliance at all; there is only one Mr. Big—Uncle Sam, the man with the greenbacks. The top picture shows a jammed, run-down classroom in a public school at Orleans, France. The kids are just French. The bottom picture shows what keeps the Orleanais authorities so busy they can't even prop up old schools, much less build new ones: it's a block of 700 de luxe apartments—paid for by the French, but for the exclusive use of the American master-race now occupying France.

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THE NATION

Behind the 'spy' curtain: I—The public power plunder

By Lawrence Emery

AN OLD carnival trick is to pick the pockets of what carnival managers call the "local yokels" while the fireworks display is on. Last week a "yokel" nation stood dazed and dazzled before the spectacular display of spy-scares and spy-hunts while its Washington agents busily picked its pockets with both hands. Part of the loot already filched was public power; whether the citizenry will gather its distracted attention in time to recover its wallet when Congress convenes in January is an open question.

- President Eisenhower's Interior Secy. Douglas McKay has, mostly without benefit of Congress, reversed a 20-year policy of federal river basin development and has abandoned the great multi-purpose dam project in Hell's Canyon;
- Funds for the Rural Electrification Administration have been drastically cut, its lending power restricted and its technical staff—which performed indispensable services to farmers' electric co-ops—virtually destroyed;
- New rules for the sale of power from federal dam projects give all advantages to private corporations;
- The Southwestern Power Administration has been all but wiped out.

Fitzpatrick in St. Louis Post-Dispatch
END OF THE LINE

BACK TO THE BOYS: On Nov. 3 McKay told a conference of western governors at Albuquerque, N. M.:

> "Our basic mission is to dispose of and to integrate the public domain with the private economy. . . . The government's main objective would continue to be the gradual transfer of the public domain to private ownership."

Three days later he told GOP leaders in California that "you can never change the philosophy which has been built up in the last 20 years without being drastic." A week later, in San Francisco, he showed how drastic he can get: he gave up a long-fought battle with the Pacific Gas & Electric Co., one of the richest in the nation, and opened the way for it to take over the development of power resources of the Kings River in Central California. As the N. Y. **Times** put it, "in effect Mr. McKay's department gave its blessing to the $2,000,000,000 utility."

TVA DOWN THE RIVER: More blessings were in the works. Dr. Clarence Manion, one-time dean of Notre Dame's law school and now chairman of President Eisenhower's Inter-Governmental Relations Commission charged with studying federal-state division of functions, is on record:

> "I think the Tennessee Valley Authority should be sold to private industry. . . . I don't think the federal government should have built TVA in the first place."

Now former President Herbert Hoover, who has publicly announced his aim to "get the government out of the business of generating and distributing electric power as soon as possible," is in charge of a new Eisenhower commission to "eliminate agencies or activities which conflict with private enterprise or are unessential."

The 25 members are headed by retired Adm. Ben Moreell, board chairman of Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp. Pres. James G. Patton of the Natl. Farmers Union and Alex Radin, genl. mgr. of the American Public Power Assn., have attacked the commission as

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THE GHOSTS THAT HAUNTED BERMUDA

4 keys to dilemma of U.S. policy: (1) Clamor for peace; (2) Soviet H-Bomb; (3) French crisis; (4) Asia's upheaval

By Tabitha Petran

AS the West's Big Three left their homelands last week to give leadership to the "free world" in Bermuda, this was their status:

EISENHOWER: "Free men" everywhere were "clearly struck with consternation by the unprecedented spectacle offered by Eisenhower's America . . . [the President's] weakness against the most delirious demonstrations of intolerance and hysteria" (**Franc-Tireur**, Paris).

CHURCHILL faced a revolt in his own party which reflected deep discontent with his leadership, especially Britain's submission to growing U.S. encroachment in the Middle East.

LANIEL of France—who will resign this month—won a bare confidence vote on a resolution that was no more than a prayer, after a long Assembly debate which skirted the explosive European Army (E. D. C.) issue and produced no agreement on "European unification." He could not speak for a France so opposed to German rearmament that U. S. correspondents wrote of "the possibility of a revolution against, or civil war within, Atlantic policy in France" (**New Republic**, 11/23).

ADENAUER'S GHOST: Bermuda spotlights the deepening crisis of Western policy. It had been planned to clear the way for decision this year to let a W. German army get its booted feet on the ground. Washington's plans in this direction were well advanced, as was revealed during Adm. Radford's recent trip to Europe. The **New Republic** reported from Paris (11/30) that the decision to bypass French refusal to ratify E. D. C. and French vetoing of W. Germany's entry into NATO "had already been taken." The report said that Chancellor Adenauer—without being present at Bermuda—would be granted at the conference sovereignty for W. Germany, "end of the occupation (at least Anglo-American)," and rearmament.

For the moment, the rug was pulled from under Washington's plans by the efforts of Soviet diplomacy to expose the "big lie" that Moscow has rejected negotiations and insists on continued cold war. A new Soviet note on Nov. 27 made headlines and was welcomed in London and Paris "as an acceptance of the . . . four-power conference of foreign ministers and as a basis for a prompt and positive action" (N. Y. **Times**, 11/28). Even some U. S. officials "felt the Western Big Three now have no alternative but to agree to Russia's bid for a conference" (N. Y. **Herald Tribune**, 11/28).

Mitelberg in Humanite, Paris
Laniel comes to the Big 3 meeting in Bermuda.

THE NAKED WEST: But official Washington's chagrin was plain: the N. Y. **Journal American** headlined a report on its reaction (11/27) "REDS' BIG 4 BID CALLED SABOTAGE"; the State Dept. called the Soviet move another effort "to impede progress on European unity . . . dishonest . . . phony." Inspired press reports already suggested that Washington would seek some means at Bermuda to reject or indefinitely postpone talks with Moscow.

If it could achieve this, its policy would face even more severe crisis. As its long-sought "situations of strength" turn out increasingly to be situations of weakness, the West stands more transparently naked of any policy of negotiation, any goal of settlement.

Weaknesses of the West

First of the West's key weaknesses is

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Off with their heads!

CAPTIVA, FLA.

It was of course Churchill and Roosevelt who were the arch spies and saboteurs. Everybody knows that, right in war time, they gave top secret military and other information to Stalin himself. And this in spite of being the open and avowed enemy of a German army. **Lewis A. Fisher**

Memories in Denmark

BORNHOLM, DENMARK

It is becoming more clear here from day to day that McCarthy is the real power behind Brownell and the whole witch-hunt circus which is exposing the stupid U.S. policy, domestic and foreign.

The antics of Brownell and McCarthy, with Ike attempting a tight-rope between, smell to high heaven among thinking people of all classes in Europe. Here it looks very similar to the antics of Hitler and Goebbels with the only difference that Brownell and McCarthy talk English. The principles are the same. **Andrew Overgaard**

Smash Joe at home

ABBOTSFORD, B. C.

Your courageous fight in continuing to put out the GUARDIAN inspires us all. McCarthy must never be allowed in Canada to continue his work. He must be attacked and smashed on home soil! He is only the expression of millionaires waging a last, desperate stand against the progressive forces of mankind. Every day propels them further into the arena, where they will stand naked and exposed. **Selmer and Doris Bean**

Stick it on buses

SUFFERN, N. Y.

Just finished reading my Nov. 23 N.G. It was excellent.

As I read Truman's Websterized McCarthy, the thought came to me: Why don't you folks make stickers out of this choice piece of characterization, to place at the head or tail of letters, on the envelope, on books, on buses, etc.? **Herbert N. Smith**

Coalition without quotes

NEW YORK, N. Y.

My old friend Reuben Borough writes (11/23) of "the lure of fusion—of collaboration, 'coalition,' call it what you will." In thus giving a common definition to three words of quite different meanings he does far more than mere violence to the language; it is deeply offensive to the history of every resistance movement. The Maquis of France—people ranging from devout Catholics to equally devout Marxists—could hardly accept this offhand substitution of the word "collaboration" for their heroic coalition against Hitler occupation. There are men in U.S. prisons today who would find this re-write of the language equally unacceptable. I prefer to believe Rube wrote with more passion than pondering, and did not consciously classify as either "politically naive . . . or morally distorted" thousands of us who work the year around—a lifetime around—for the coalition of democratic forces.

Surely he himself is not so politically naive as to believe that the half-million votes he received in 1952 were the sole result of his "intellectual arsenal, with blazing platforms and uncompromising candidates," rather than a set of ideal conditions for the broadest coalition against the Senator from Formosa?

The need for coalition was never greater in American life than today: a coalition of all people, regardless of race, color, creed, political party or fraternal order—a tidal wave to destroy McCarthyism. I'll work for that coalition with Truman, Borough, with any and all who are more interested in the issue than the political table manners of their co-workers. I wish Reuben another 40 years as a progressive independent — and hope that some time soon he'll take the quotes off "coalition" and make it the key word in the fight for peace, democracy and abundance. **Lester Cole**

How crazy can you get dept.

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Take the offensive

CEDAR PARK, CALIF.

The GUARDIAN is of indispensable value and could never be replaced. My only criticism of our paper is the somewhat defensive attitude of some of the articles. I believe it would be better to attack and attack again. Give us the facts on our super-patriots with which we can expose them. Instead of bewailing the lot of our oppressed, let's keep stressing the positive solutions.
positive solutions. **Anita Lipney**

Hit by the farm crisis

PORTAGE, WIS.

Your coverage of the farm crisis overlooks the large group, approximately equal in size to the farm population, that is directly dependent on farmers for their livelihood: business and professional workers, feed, fertilizer and machinery dealers in rural towns. In my own case, the pinch on the farmer of Ike's farm policy is hitting home hard. Last year, when calves were worth from $25-$75, a large share of my veterinarian practice involved obstetrical cases, and diseases of the newborn such as diarrhea, pneumonia, etc. This year calves are worth only $5 at birth, and since veterinarians' fees are $7-$12 per call it's economically unfeasible for the farmers to call me. Most farmers prefer to kill sick calves, or "let nature take its course," which often amounts to the same thing.

The recent elections in Wisconsin's Eau Claire district illustrated that farmers are not the only ones that feel the depression. Although classed as a rural district, most of the voters live in small towns, not directly on farms—and it was primarily these people that voted against Ike's farm depression tactics. Of course it's just a question of time till the workers in large cities are hit just as hard as we are, if this trend continues. **Simeon Ross.**

Timber!

SHERMAN OAKS, CALIF.

The pending Ellsworth-Cordon bill (H.R. 4646) imperils our public timberland in behalf of the big sawmill operators. Ellsworth and Cordon can't see the national forests for the lumber—er—trees. **Collier Kerr**

"Who, me?" dept.

NEW YORK, N. Y.

While passionate denials of U.S. germ warfare continue, I note in *Chemical Week* (Nov. 7) that the Defense Dept. has been negotiating with the Mathieson Chemical Corp. of Baltimore to take over "the army's biological warfare **plant** and laboratories at Camp Detrick, Md. . . . Mathieson, by virtue of size, experience and recently acquired pharmaceutical know-how, qualifies for the Detrick assignment. . . . It will take over **more than 100 active subcontracts** for outside research on large-scale methods of **propagating** and destroying micro-organisms."

The emphasis is added by me. I suggest that "plant" means BUGS, as "anti" agents would certainly be made by private outfits. "More than 100 active subcontracts" suggests a huge hunk of research effort. **Working Engineer**

Carrefour, Paris

"At first sight it looks like an optical illusion—but it may be a flying saucer."

To Emanuel Bloch

LA CRESCENTA, CALIF.

Our hats are off to you, Emanuel Bloch!
Your case was lost before your fight began
But your imperishable faith in man
Drove you to smash your fists against the rock
Of fascist hatred through the bleeding years,
Pounding with battered flesh and tortured frame
At the cold flint, while from behind there came
To snap and tear your ankles sundry curs
Who would exalt themselves by hurting you.
O man of love and courage, in your fight
Our little hearts respond to your great heart.
We pledge that we will do our modest part
To help you change our darkness into light
And make the dreams of our dead friends come true.

Hugh Hardyman

The Jeff School—and you

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

On Nov. 25 two representatives of the Jefferson School went to Washington to defend the school's right to exist before the Subversive Activities Control Board. What they said there will have been said before. Only pressure from the people on Brownell and the President can force the government to drop the case.

It is being said that this, the first case in a long series against progressive organizations, is considered the key case by the government. Through several postponements they have maneuvered to keep the Jeff School first on the list. They have also laid a blanket of silence over the whole proceedings. Publicity is essential for the School to reach its friends who will support it. Money is needed, and letters to Brownell from individuals and organizations.

If the Jeff School goes—you and I are next. Now is the time for all good men . . . **Brooklyn housewife**

Appleton Axis?

COOS BAY, ORE.

When I was browsing in the public library here I ran across *Advance to Barbarism*, by an English lawyer named F. J. F. Veale.

When I read it I was shocked. It was an outright attack on us for the cruelty and barbarism shown by us in our war against Nazi Germany. The book contains many heart-rending pictures of devastated German cities. It then goes on to attack the sentences against the Nazi war leaders. The main theme is that we should have helped Germany against Russia, and it's never too late.

But most interesting is the origin of this book. It was published by the C. C. Nelson Co. of Appleton, Wis. I believe that another well-known apologist of the Nazis comes from Appleton. Any connection?

I'd like to know who F. J. P. Veale is and how come a British lawyer's books gets published in Wisconsin? **Harold Yanow**

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"The cause of civil liberty must not be surrendered at the end of one or even one hundred defeats."
—ABRAHAM LINCOLN

REPORT TO READERS

How about a party with our Anniversary recording?

AS WE GO TO PRESS, the first of our Anniversary Dinner records are being mailed out to friends of the GUARDIAN who plan to have house gatherings to introduce the GUARDIAN to neighbors and jobmates, to organize Guardian Reader Clubs where possible and to sign up pledgers and subscription renewals for 1954.

Many anniversary gatherings were scheduled by communities before we could announce that our Anniversary record would be available. If you haven't yet arranged the program for your get-together, drop us an airmail and we'll speed a record to you. Where anniversary affairs have already been held, we'd like to send you a record, too, and maybe some of the folks would reconvene to hear how things went back here at home.

Oakland, Calif., Coeur d'Alene and Spokane have already held parties; Minneapolis "talked it over and all agree that we could have fun and raise some $$$ for the GUARDIAN." New Haven is setting something up for Dec. 13; Grand Rapids has plans afoot; Miami, too, and Albany, Boston and Baltimore are all working on something. Ditto Honolulu, Mexico D.F. and several places in Canada.

IF your community's GUARDIAN Birthday party is not among those mentioned above, it is because (1) we haven't heard from you, or (2) we have heard from you and the letter is in transit somewhere between Incoming Mail and our Fifth Anniversary Dept.

If you haven't scheduled anything yet, why not write in for the Anniversary record and plan a gathering to hear it some time in the holiday period. It's lively, sense-making and inspiring, studded with good rousing music and personal messages from some of the most meaningful men and women of our time.

Let's hear from you soon.

—THE EDITORS

P. S.—We are so pleased with the above recording that we are now planning to make available edited recordings of the Guardian Forum on Dec. 10 in New York. We hope to have a series of monthly forums thereafter, with recorded versions of each available. Would your community be interested in arranging house gatherings around our Guardian Forum? If so, drop us a line.

BENNIE SMITH STANDS HIS GROUND

What's happening to our returning PW's?

MEMPHIS, TENN.

ONE of the most outrageous phases of the conspiracy to drive misinformed Americans into World War III has been the intimidation of returning POW's to prevent them from telling the truth about their experiences. The commercial press, the American Legion and the FBI are working hand in hand to prevent honest POW's from exposing the atrocity charges, and to scare and bribe the less honorable ones into telling fabricated stories.

Bennie Smith [the ex-POW whose story about "progressives" in the camps was featured by **Life**, 9/27], was a corporal in the U.S. Army. He was very apprehensive when he was captured because he had been led to believe he would be shot or tortured. During the march to the prison camp several prisoners froze their feet because they refused to remove their boots when crossing water as their captors advised them to do. At the first camp they were interrogated individually by an English-speaking Chinese captain who told them they would not be mistreated.

Bennie reports a speech made by Gen. Dean over Camp No. 5 public address system, thanking the Chinese volunteers for their kind treatment of the prisoners. Bennie says: "I never saw any atrocities committed officially by the Chinese or N. Koreans." He did mention one instance where an officer mistreated a POW and was immediately court-martialed.

Several of the Marine fliers, including O'Neal and Quinn, charged by the Chinese with conducting germ warfare, made speeches around the various camps and appealed to the POW's to take a stand against such illegal and criminal acts as they had committed. The fliers appeared in good health and not under the influence of any pressure.

PW's FISHING IN N. KOREAN CAMP
Other fish stories were told later

ON Bennie's first day back in Memphis, a reporter from the **Press Scimitar** interviewed Bennie; when his story that there were no atrocities and that he was not tortured or starved hit the headlines, the **Commercial Appeal's** Paul Molloy came to see him. Molloy, who had already outraged decent Memphians by his slanderous articles on Aid to Dependent Children, a local charity, told Bennie a newspaper could make or break a man and with such implied threats gained permission for an interview. The resulting week-long series was nothing but a character assassination designed to make Bennie Smith appear as a fool duped by the communists, and as a possible traitor. Molloy said Smith had "turned from American ideals." As a result of these articles Bennie received many threatening phone calls and letters.

In defense of his position Bennie says: "I do not think it is un-American to express one's ideas for peace. I do think it is un-American to be intimidated for such an opinion. Molloy has done me great injustice in condemning me for this opinion. As a result of distortions and outright lies in his articles, he has portrayed me as a traitor. What does freedom of the press mean in a country where people such as Molloy are able to so besmirch the character of an innocent citizen?

"When I returned home I found much more war hysteria and propaganda than I ever imagined. I see the children in safety councils wearing combat helmets; the radio and TV blaring nothing but war; the movie industry and almost any phase of life that one could observe contains mostly war hysteria. As I have just come back from a war-stricken country, the horrors and dangers of war are still fresh in my mind. As I visualize a steady stream of refugees that were bombed out and separated from their loved ones, it terrifies me to think what such a war might bring to my own country—the country I love so much that I feel it is my duty to protect it from all dangers, including the danger of war as I have seen it in Korea."

Bennie tells how the Chinese longingly spoke of the days when they marched arm in arm with us to crush Japanese fascism. **Memphis reader**

REPORT FROM MONTREAL

Canada unites in rising over pressure from U.S. on 'spies'

By D. S. Daniels
Guardian special correspondent

MONTREAL

NOT since the post-Confederation years of 1867, when U.S. expansionists were trying to annex Canada's three prairie provinces, have relations between the two countries sunk to such a low point. And not since the end of the war against fascism has there been such unanimity of opinion and revulsion expressed about a foreign ideology as there has been about McCarthyism; most Canadians share the sentiments of the Toronto University students who burnt an effigy of Sen. McCarthy.

Pressure by the Jenner Committee and the State Dept. to "give up Gouzenko," plus the attempt to link Canada with the Harry Dexter White case, are the most immediate reasons for the anti-American sentiment now sweeping the country. But it has been long a-building, helped by such incidents as that of Koje Island, by dumping U.S. goods on the crowded Canadian market, and by the growing fear that U.S. foreign policies might start a shooting war.

HARRY WHITE—THE TRUTH: Canadians from center, left and right sprang to their government's defense when it appeared that it would refuse to buckle under the pressure of the arrogant Jenner investigators. Annoyance was first shown when J. Edgar Hoover mentioned "a highly-placed Canadian" in the White case; it turned to anger when it was revealed that there was no such Canadian.

In addition there was repugnance at use of a dead man's name for shady political gains. It was pointed out by Frank Swanson of the Montreal **Herald** (11/20) that

> . . . top men in the Ottawa government are sure in their own minds that White was no communist, public testimony to the contrary. . . . [This is] the feeling of men in the finance dept. and Bank of Canada who had long and frequently intimate dealings with him.

Following refusal of Canada to hand over the former Russian cipher clerk, rumors began to circulate that External Affairs Minister Lester Pearson had been named before a committee as "one of three Canadians who gave military information to the Russians during the war." Papers like the Chicago **Tribune** began to refer to Pearson as a "pinko." Pearson's contributions to the cold war, and the attempts of his government to foist legislation like the Smith Act on Canadians, are too well-known to fool any one into thinking he was a friend of communism.

BOILING POINT: Anger against the U.S. came to a head in Parliament when David Croll, Liberal MP for Toronto Spadina and no friend of communism, spoke on the Jenner Committee and the State Dept.:

> "The McCarthyites want Igor Gouzenko to join the circus and do some one-night stands on television—Gouzenko is manna from heaven for them. The fact that Gouzenko could provide no new evidence for them was of no consequence to the McCarthyites.
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> "I think the time has come to serve a hands-off notice to McCarthyism . . . to let them know we are not going to bend our knees to political blackmail . . . to bring home to them that we are not going to be pushed around."

Stanley Knowles, CCF (Social Democrat) member for Winnipeg North Centre, said that the entire Parliament agreed with Croll. If Gouzenko were interviewed by U.S. investigators, similar requests could be made for other Canadians to testify and "the first of such Canadians who refused to go would be branded a communist."

LONE SUPPORTER: Only voice to defend McCarthy was that of extreme right-wing John Blackmore, Social Credit member for Lethbridge, Alberta, who recently was under criticism for apparently letting his secretary use government mailing rights to circulate anti-Semitic propaganda.

As this is written, attempts are being made in government circles to underplay the differences that have arisen and to brush off the Jenners and McCarthys as not representative of the U.S. government. Hard, however, to explain away is the aid given by John Foster Dulles, the role of Herbert Brownell or the "mistake" by Hoover. The government has partially capitulated to the Jenner Committee but wants the interviewing of Gouzenko done with decorum. But a gentlemanly approach by the Jenner Committee (so far it has refused to adopt one) would not alter the shameful fact that the Canadian government once again will allow foreign agents to question Canadian subjects, in spite of the nationwide opposition to such a surrender of national rights.

JENNER MAY HELP: Public feeling goes beyond the Gouzenko case. It is indicative of a rising national consciousness, a growing realization that Canadians are a distinct nation and Americans must become aware that they are an independent one. Max Freedman, CBS commentator from Washington, called it "a beloved sight to see Canada asserting her rights."

The abhorrence shown to the methods of McCarthy and his cohorts was also expressed last year, when public opinion was successfully mobilized to prevent passage of legislation that outSmiths the Smith Act and allows the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to do a McCarthy job but with not too much noise. The government has once again introduced Bill 7; the possibility of its defeat is held to be greater following the outspoken opinions against the U.S. variety. Without realizing it, Jenner may have done a good deed for Canada and democracy.

Some typical Canadian newspaper comments on the Gouzenko affair:

The people of Canada are unanimous in rejecting McCarthyism, which is a mental trouble . . . we are opposed to Sen. McCarthy and the baby-Hitlers that eat out of his hand coming to make their careers in Canada.—Le Canada (11/25), French organ of the Liberal government party.

We have never held the Congressional investigators in anything but the deepest contempt.—Calgary Herald.

The arch-conservative Toronto Telegram: "It is exactly the kind of thing that causes U.S. foreign policy to be distrusted in Europe.'

The Ottawa Le Droit: "We don't see why Canada should yield to our neighbour's demands. To accede to this request would be a strain on Canadian liberties."

Herblock in Washington Post
"We can't subpena him. I think he's on our staff."

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HE'S PAID HIS DEBT TO A SOCIETY THAT OWES HIM A LIFE

The story of Wesley Robert Wells

WESLEY ROBERT WELLS, whose own story is excerpted here, has been in the San Quentin (Calif.) death house since Aug. 29, 1947, although the prison guard he was condemned for assaulting is alive and well. He is the only person ever sentenced to death under an obscure law making this possible for assault even though no life was taken. He owes three stays of execution to the fight put up by his attorneys, Charles R. Garry, Aubrey Grossman, C. K. Curtwright and Philip C. Wilkins, and especially by the Civil Rights Congress.

Testimony to the extraordinary courage and understanding developed by Wells in his 25-year jail ordeal is the CRC pamphlet "Letters from the Death House," in which Wells discusses political and social affairs with such wisdom and humanity that playwright John Howard Lawson in a preface calls him a symbol of "the unconquered and unconquerable human spirit . . . a hero of our time." Rev. R. L. Turner of San Francisco's Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, one of a delegation that went to ex-Gov. Warren to plead for executive clemency, says of Wells: "His courage is beyond belief. His head is bloody but unbowed." CRC exec. secy. William L. Patterson, who recently visited Wells, said: "I had expected to find a man of strength. I found that and much more. What a waste that a man of his calibre is condemned to that sort of life!"

In March, 1951, Federal Judge Louis Goodman ruled that Wells was denied "due process" and could not be executed under the law. The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals overruled him. Last month the U.S. Supreme Court curtly refused to hear Wells' appeal against the latter ruling.

Active in addition to CRC in an 11th-hour campaign to save Wells are the Trade Union Committee to Save the Life of W. R. W. (228 McAlister St., Rm. 211, San Francisco); the Monrovia (Calif.) branch of NAACP; W. R. W. Defense Committee (326 W. 3d St., Los Angeles 13). Newspapermen on record in his behalf include Leon Steward of the progressive California Eagle, and the conservative Pittsburgh Courier's columnist J. A. Rogers who wrote recently: "Wells is an outright victim of social conditions—some would say capitalism—plus color prejudice."

By Wesley Robert Wells

MY name is Wesley Robert Wells. I am a Negro, 44 years of age, six foot, 170 pounds, dark brown color, strong of body. I am a condemned prisoner on death row at San Quentin. My prison number is 24,155. I have spent six years here among the "living dead." I have been in prison since I was 19, with only a few months in the "free world outside" in 1941.

I am awaiting execution for "throwing and hitting a prison guard with a cuspidor." Here's how it happened. Dr. Day, the prison doctor, came by with another doctor. They examined me and told the guards to get me out of solitary—that I was sick and needed treatment and was abnormal from fear and tension. Instead of the treatment, they put me on trial before a prison court for talking back to a prison guard. I was cracked up, and when they were clubbing me, I threw the cuspidor. In April, 1947, I was found guilty. Under California law I was sentenced to die.

I make no pretension of having been a model prisoner during the many years I've spent in prison. I've been forced to fight with every means available for survival. I have scars on my person that I will take to my grave, testify to some of the brutal treatment I've received at the hands of my prison keepers and inmates who were egged on to attack me.

> **The fight for a life**
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> The Supreme Court's refusal to review Wells' case leaves the fight to save him up to the people. They may check through Judge A. A. Scott, L. A. Superior Court, for latest information on Wells. They can also write or wire to:
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> • Calif. Atty. Gen. Edmund G. Brown, Sacramento, Calif., urging that efforts to execute Wells be dropped;
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> • Gov. Goodwin Knight, Sacramento, urging executive clemency.
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> The Civil Rights Congress (326 W. 3d St., L. A.) is campaigning for 25,000 signatures to petitions that Gov. Knight grant clemency by Dec. 25. Broadened support for Wells' fight is reported from Negro professional and religious groups, writers in the Negro press, and from Jewish communities, especially on the West Coast.

THE BROKEN FAMILY: Here is my story. I don't ever remember my aunt, who raised me, buying me any shoes or clothes. I don't say she didn't; I just don't recall any incident like that. I sold papers on the corner and, when I didn't get enough money there, I'd steal a little for shoes for me and my younger sister.

We were three kids, my older sister Alzada, myself, and little Charlene. We were born in Ft. Worth, Tex., and my mother, Ada Pearl, left my father right after Charlene was born. My mothed died of a sickness. I don't remember my father at all, because we were shipped to an uncle in Denver, Colo., a Baptist preacher. Then we were shipped to an aunt in Los Angeles, a tiny 100-pound woman. She had three kids of her own and no husband with her. So we three kids piled in and made it six in two rooms.

HUNGER: Many mornings on my way to school, not having had breakfast, or enough breakfast, I would eat my noon lunch. At suppertime, often when I wasn't earning enough from the papers, my aunt would raise cain if I ate what she considered too much. I have seen my little sis many times leave the table with a look of hunger on her face, for fear that my aunt would get on her if she ate any more.

The first time I ever stole anything was on the way to school with my cousin. We saw some keys sticking in a door. "Let's get those keys," he said. What we wanted them for I don't know—but we took them. Somebody saw us and got the word to my aunt. We got whipped.

One time we were half an hour late for school. We saw two bikes and stole them; rode over to the aviation field to watch the airplanes. We were foolish enough to bring the bikes home that evening. We got another whipping for that.

STEALING: My aunt sometimes when she didn't have time to feed us managed to give my cousin and me two bits to go to the show. Five cents carfare each way, 10 cents for the show, a nickel for a hotdog. This particular time we had not eaten, and we were hungry. We bought two hotdogs and didn't have carfare to come home. My cousin and me snitched a Ford car. We got pinched for it.

We started to snitch cars for something to do—"for the fun of it," the gang used to say. We never thought about it much. Then I got sent to reform school for two years. At 15 I went to work for a cement contractor and then for a cleaning place. I had to leave school to earn money. I got a scattering of odd jobs, but mostly four of us guys would snitch a box of potatoes, half for food and half for selling. A friend wanted me to box, but I would start to the gym and never get there. I got one to five years at San Quentin for having stolen clothing in my room.

SAN QUENTIN: I was scared when I got to Quentin in 1928. I'd heard how bad those convicts were. I wanted to "make it"—to get back out of prison. I figured the way to do it was to act like the next guy—talk as tough, be as tough. I entered prison believing that if one could, one should fight fair—not to take unfair advantage of your opponent. If I was around and saw two or more men jump on one, I would take the side of the one man, regardless of the cause of the trouble.

I was on the handball court one afternoon just after I got to Quentin. "Hey, you," some guy called me.

"What do you want?" I said.

"Come on, black boy, get off the court and let me play?"

"Don't talk to me that way," I answered.

"Why, you n----r! You ain't gonna do anything."

We got into a fight and I was brought to Capt. Carpenter. I told him the man used that name. Carpenter said: "So what? That's what you are."

WESLEY ROBERT WELLS
Six years among the living dead

"I HELD MY HEAD UP": I got put into the hole—they call it "wrassling with the bear"—a dark, windowless place with no bed or toilet; just two buckets, a loaf of bread a day. I did a lot of thinking about how bad I wanted out. I swore I'd never get back any more. I almost went crazy that 10 days. I'd been used to plenty of sports and activity. The boredom sitting there alone, talking to no person—my mind going back and forth from one wall to the other—nothing to do, nothing to see, nothing to listen to, one hot meal every three days.

I was thankful when I got out, blinking in the sun. But I had a lot to learn. Today, sitting in my cell and writing this, I can't say if I'd have acted different. I know this—I don't and never did want more than the next man. I just don't want to be pushed around. I never took it. There was a lot of jim-crow stuff in Quentin in those days—just like there is now. Then you were continuously addressed as "n----r," you get the worst jobs, and if you objected you were a marked number.

I'm not trying to apologize or justify those three years from 1928 to 1931. But I was young and held my head up. I didn't take no stuff from prisoner, stoolie, or guard. As a result, I got the strap, the rubber hose, the club, the curses. In three years I spent 335 days in solitary or the black dungeon, sometimes a month at a stretch.

FOLSOM: I was transferred to Folsom Prison. The worst criminals are sent there. Warden Larkin, the most vicious man I've ever met in my life, said to me: "I see your record that you're a tough n - - - - r. Well, I'll have you eating out of my hand." I said: "I address you civil, warden; please do the same to me." He said: "You black skunk, I'll talk to you like I please." I said: "My name is Wells. Please call me that." He said: "You black n - - - - r." Then he picked up a cane and smacked my shins. The assistant captain, Bill Ryan, grabbed a softball bat and walked up to me. "I'll hit a home run," is what he said.

I just sat down and cried like a baby. I only had 10 more months to go, but I knew I'd never make it.

THE HOLE: I tried to assume a more wholesome outlook on life. I tried to settle down in Folsom and get an education. I no longer wanted to be tough, because that attitude just did not pay. I made every effort to live down my reputation, but it seemed the die was cast. If I'd cowed my head and kissed feet, I might have gotten along. Nobody thought of rehabilitation in those days, and I couldn't hold myself in when I got the dirty end of the stick.

I was in the "hole" one February in 1933, with another inmate. We were caught tapping on the wall, our only way of talking to inmates in the next hole. The guard came in and took away our clothes and the one mattress, leaving us there naked. For 24 hours we had no clothes, blankets, bread or water.

We decided to call the guard and start a fight—so that we'd go to the hospital and at least get warm. We shouted for the guard and he finally came. To our surprise, he opened the steel door and threw some clothes in. I dressed and stepped out. Then I saw the gun guard and the captain watching me.

THE TORTURE: "What's wrong?" I asked.

"Nothing," the guard told me. "We're going to take you down to 12 Posts and have you rest awhile."

"Is that necessary?" I said.

"Well, it'll do you some good," the guard said. He was 6 foot 6 inches and weighed 240 pounds. He put handcuffs on me and slid my belt through my waist and hands, so I couldn't hold my hands up. Then the warden came out and suddenly whipped his hand across my face. I lost my balance and went down.

"You think you're as good as a white man, don't you?" the warden yelled at me. I got to my feet, and he booted me. I lost my slipper and my balance and tumbled down the steps. They followed me, kicking and pushing at me with their canes until I got to 12 Posts, a stone cell under a guard post. It was called "whipping post."

Inside the cell, with Larkin on one side of me, the lieutenant on the other, the gun guard in front with a machine-gun trained at me, they let go. For four days I lay on the cold stone, bleeding, sore. I got a cup of water and a loaf of bread stuck through the iron door once a day. Warden Larkin left me there for four months.

My heart was full of defiance and fatalism as the months and years passed.

THE DEATH HOUSE: When I arrived [in death row] on Aug. 29, 1947, I was friendless and penniless and, therefore, I felt my chances of coming off of the row were just about hopeless. My only real hope at that time was to be able to live to see my 40th birthday—which was 21 months away. You see, in my family of five, none had ever lived to see 40 years of age, and I was desirous of that distinction.

Then, on Jan. 2, 1950, when I had less than 30 days to live, I received a letter from the Civil Rights Congress, pledging its assistance in the fight to save my life. I am deeply conscious of the debt I owe the CRC and other organizations and individuals who came to my aid in my hour of great need. My last birthday was the sixth one on the Row. I wonder if I'll live to see another. I wonder if you can understand what those years have been like, "living" here under the very pall of death; suffering the heartaches, the longings and apprehensions of the condemned.

I sincerely feel that I have paid whatever debt I may have owed to society, and have paid it in full, and that I am now entitled to a receipt marked "Debt canceled."

The dream of the American Century is the 'Free World's' nightmare

By Kumar Goshal

(Second of a 3-part series on "People in Colonies vs. the American Colossus")

UNTIL World War II, U.S. economic domination of nominally independent countries was confined to Latin America. During the war the signs of old empires crumbling, the intoxicating display of U.S. might, evoked the dream of The American Century. On Dec. 10, 1940, Natl. Industrial Conference Board pres. Virgil Jordan told a group of bankers that, with Britain as "a junior partner," America had embarked on

> ". . . a new Anglo-Saxon imperialism, in which the economic resources and the military and naval strength of the U.S. will be the center of gravity."

In 1946 Leo Welch, secy.-treas. of Standard Oil of N.J., spoke of America's "permanent obligation" to "assume the responsibility of majority stockholders in this corporation known as the world." James Burnham, in **The Struggle for the World** (1947), advocated "an American Empire . . . if not literally world-wide in formal boundaries, capable of exercising decisive world control." Based on this highly-publicized book, Henry Luce's **Life** published an article and a map, including within the forthcoming Empire the N. and S. Poles, Canada, S. America, Mexico, Norway, Sweden, Belgium, Holland, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, England, Africa, the Near and Middle East, India, China, Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand.

Two years ago the London **Times** observed glumly (8/29/51):

> . . . Over two-thirds of the globe, along the great arch stretching from Europe to Japan, no treaty can be signed, no alliance can be forged, no decision can be made without the approval and support of the U.S. Government. Only the Communist bloc is impervious.

THE PIONEERS: How has this dream been faring?

Of the $19 billion U.S. private capital investment abroad, about $6 billion is invested in Latin America, whose economic conquest by Rockefeller, Morgan and Mellon trusts, United Fruit, A. & P. and General Foods, Intl. Tel. & Tel., sugar trusts, shipping lines, rubber companies, Ford and Gen. Motors, is a familiar story. The profits these concerns have reaped by bribing corrupt governments, fomenting military coups, paying low wages and cracking down on trade unions have been enormous. Standard Oil of N.J. made 33% profit from its Latin American oil investments as against 11% in the U.S. According to a Commerce Dept. report (10/22), U.S. oil interests netted $1 billion from a total foreign investment of $4,400,000,000—a return of over 22%.

HOW IT'S DONE: To enlarge their empire during and since World War II, U.S. industrialists and financiers have knifed partners when partners were unable to retaliate; bought up or influenced governments through grants and loans; arranged 99-year leases for military bases on foreign soil; signed trade treaties giving U.S. capital "equal treatment" with weak domestic capital in economically backward countries; acquired air and naval bases in countries with weak or unpopular governments.

For example, Standard Oil of N.J. and Socony-Vacuum—partners with British, French and Dutch oil companies in the Iraq Petroleum Co.—originally signed the Red Line Agreement stipulating that any partner getting a new concession, within a line drawn around the entire Middle East including Saudi Arabia, would share equally with the others. During World War II Standard and Socony gained oil concessions in Saudi Arabia, set up Aramco (Arabian-American Oil Co.), later took in Standard of Calif. and Texaco, but froze out the British, French and Dutch. A measure of Aramco's profits is that, although U.S. and Saudi Arabian oil sell at the same price in the world market, a barrel in Saudi Arabia costs less than $2 as against $11-12 in the U.S.

BROADENING OUT: In 1947 the U.S. took over Greece from weakened Britain, both as a base to control the eastern Mediterranean and as a field for economic exploitation. It consistently interfered internally to assure a docile government serving the interests of Intl. Tel. & Tel., which took over the communications system; the American Tobacco Co., which monopolized the processing and marketing of tobacco, most valuable Greek export; T.W.A. airlines; the Ulen Co., which took over the distribution of water to Athens and Piraeus; Cooper Construction Co., which gained concessions for power construction and minerals.

In India, by extending loans and grants totaling almost $300 million to the Nehru government, the U.S. finally won concessions for Standard-Vacuum and Caltex. Goodyear Rubber and the Mellon aluminum interests have also moved in. By similar grants and loans the U.S. is on the verge of gaining strategic bases in Pakistan, where geological surveys by Americans are already in progress.

MINOR PICKINGS: In Afghanistan, the primitive border country separating India and Pakistan from the U.S.S.R.,

> . . . increasing American interest results mainly from political and strategic considerations. . . . American firms are increasingly active in the export trade. The U.S. buys most of the karakul for furs—Afghanistan's main export. . . . Afghanistan probably will not be unwilling to grant mining concessions to American companies. . . . (**Christian Science Monitor**, 12/17/48).

U.S. geologists went to survey Afghanistan in 1949; the Morrison-Knudsen Co. contracted for building dams, bridges and roads. No country is too small to escape the eye of U.S. corporations roaming the globe for more profits. Firestone Rubber Co. has long dominated Liberia; Republic Steel has taken over iron ore deposits, and Liberia has granted a 99-year lease for a U.S. naval base at the capital, Monrovia. With the Sinclair Oil concession, the U.S. has moved into Ethiopia.

"FREEDOM'S" PRICE: The reality of Washington's streamlined imperialism is most clear in the terms of the Philippine Trade Act—"the price the Philippines paid for nominal independence, [which] gives American business a preferential position to exploit Philippine resources" (**Business Week**, 3/22/47). Economist Shirley Jenkins (**U.S. Economic Policy Toward the Philippines**) describes the Act as giving the U.S.

> . . . all the advantages of possessing a colonial dependency, both economic and military, without responsibilities for administration or domestic affairs.

The Philippine economy remains under the control of Standard-Vacuum Oil Co., Natl. City Bank, Goodyear Tire, Tubbs Cordage (manila hemp), Insular Lumber. (Gen. MacArthur owns large tracts of land and the San Miguel Brewery; Judge John W. Hausserman, Ohio banker and former Asst. Atty. Gen. in the Philippines, dominates the mining industry.) The U.S. continues to maintain 23 military bases in the Philippines. During the Presidential election of Nov. 10 the U.S. openly backed "strong man" Ramon Magsaysay, who won about 2-1 over incumbent Elpidio Quirino. After the elections, **The Nation** commented (11/21):

> It is not likely that Mr. Magsaysay will give the Filipinos the sweeping New Deal program the country so badly needs. . . .

ROCKS IN THE ROAD: Yet despite the great efforts to build "an American Empire," the results have been disappointing. U.S. capital investment abroad after World War I has fallen well short of expectations; and trouble brews where capital has been invested. Powerful, organized public opinion has forced the governments of India and Indonesia to oppose U.S. foreign policy, especially with regard to China. In Saudi Arabia, where all political organizations and trade unions were banned, workers in Aramco's oil fields went on strike, demanding

> . . . sharp raises in wages and living allowances for natives. . . . [It] is a warning that the U.S. can, if it's not careful, be forced out of Saudi Arabia just as the British were kicked out of Iran (**U.S. News**, 11/6).

In the Philippines, the Huks continue their struggle begun against the Japanese for complete liberation. At the third World Trade Union Congress in Vienna last month, Latin American delegates—many of whom had come from countries under brutal dictatorship—described their unceasing fight against U.S. mine and plantation owners. They spoke of widespread strikes, some successful and some mercilessly crushed, during the last two years in Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Argentina, Peru, Uruguay, and Ecuador; of the trade union unity in Chile and the revolt in Bolivia last year, supported by armed miners, which eventually led to nationalization of the foreign-owned tin mines; of the guerrilla warfare in Colombia; of the Argentinians' refusal to send soldiers to Korea. With special pride they spoke about Guatemala carrying on its economic reforms against the combined opposition of Wall St., the United Fruit Co., the U.S. State Dept. and Sen. McCarthy.

SOMEBODY DOES CARE ABOUT THE ASIAN PEOPLES' REAL PROBLEMS

But for UN World Health Orgn. teams for malaria control—watched by Indian families (above) as they spray mosquito-breeding areas—only pennies are available while U.S. firms extract billions of dollars from Asia.

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Inspired by the GUARDIAN's courageous editorials and its honest coverage of world news, and increasingly alarmed by the anti-labor, pro-war attitude of our atomic sword-waving administration in Washington, our local GUARDIAN readers' club is taking on new life. Our job in this jimcrow city of half a million people is not an easy one. The high percentage of federal employes, because of the great airfields, doesn't make it any easier. Anything politically to the left of General Motors is dangerous here.

We have stepped up our meeting schedule from monthly to weekly and resolutely determined to campaign for new subs and monthly contributions. We are even attempting to get a newsstand to carry the GUARDIAN. . . . Needless to say, we hold Guardian Club meetings in homes where members of minority groups, Mexican-Americans and Negroes, are welcomed. At each meeting, we select a leader for the coming week. Besides acting as chairman for his or her meeting, the leader selects a subject of current interest for discussion, usually an article from the GUARDIAN, but sometimes a brief review of a current book. A recent review sold six copies of George Marion's **Stop the Press**.

Let's use the pages of the GUARDIAN for an exchange of ideas.

McManus at L. A. Ball

John T. McManus, the GUARDIAN's general manager, will be the in-person guest of honor at the First Annual Guardian Ball in Los Angeles, Dec. 12 at the Cosmopolitan Hotel, 360 S. Westlake. The ball shapes up to be a sparkling affair, according to latest reports. Admission is $25 a couple, the money having been raised through small parties, baby-sitting, musicales, etc. There's still room for more.

Tiba Willner, GUARDIAN's Los Angeles representative, has asked all the people who have pledged to raise their $25 to send it in to her at once to 949 Schumacher Dr., L. A. 48.

Ghosts at Bermuda

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the opposition to its cold war of the "free world's" overwhelming majority of people—which gets harder to overcome as Soviet diplomacy opens avenues for its expression. Even in the U.S., 79% wanted talks with Moscow to end the cold war in a recent Gallup poll. In the bitterly anti-Soviet **New Leader**, writer and diplomat George Catlin acknowledged (11/2) that

> . . . it would probably be political death for any British leader to urge full co-operation with Dulles' policy. . . . The country is unanimously opposed to war. . . . There is no effective public sense in Britain or W. Europe of any danger from Malenkov . . . [but only of] the danger of being dragged unwillingly into a world war by a policy in Washington which they do not control. . . . [They] will see America to hell first.

THE BIG MYTH: Second key weakness is the exposure of Western "atomic supremacy" as a myth. The U.S.S.R.'s Vishinsky told UN last month his country "is not behind other countries—countries which perhaps may not even have all the armaments of this type the Soviet Union has." The U.S. press generally scoffed, but the **Christian Science Monitor** reported from Washington (11/27):

> If he [Vishinsky] is not correct, he is considered so nearly so here that his tolerance of accuracy is not important. . . . It should not be at all surprising . . . that the Russians have a lead or may be about to forge ahead. . . . In the atomic field the Russians have been consistently under-rated.

FRENCH CRISIS: Third key weakness is the crisis in France over W. German rearmament. If Washington wins a French vote for E.D.C. by promising to maintain U.S. troops there, this would be virtual occupation to support a puppet government; if it bypasses a French veto to rearm W. Germany, a deep upheaval in the capitalist alliance will result. For France

> . . . is at the center. . . . Break the connection at the French point and the whole structure will be shaken **(NYT, 11/27)**.

J. J. Servan Schreiber in **Le Monde** (11/19) described the French government—now in effect an Anglo-Saxon "satellite"—as caught between an external will to which it is subject and a national opinion which will not recognize or respect the commitments it makes. In this situation, he said, the Communists—who with the Gaullists and former Premier Daladier propose revival of the traditional friendship with Russia as France's only way to survive as an independent power—"may become the champion of patriotism."

THE END IN ASIA: Fourth key weakness is "The Handwriting on the Asian Wall"—the headline under which CSM reported (11/24) that in Paris and London "outright victory" in Indo-China and Malaya are deemed "unattainable," and pressure for settlement is rising. While Washington insists that France continue the Indo-China war, liberation leader Ho Chi Minh last month made another offer to negotiate to end it, and "free world" Vietnamese are talking about junking puppet Bao Dai to make such negotiation possible.

New moves to hatch incidents in the Far East were suggested by Syngman Rhee's visit with Chiang Kai-shek following high-level S. Korean-U.S. talks in Seoul; by the U.S. move to postpone again UN consideration of the Korean political conference, and its atrocity propaganda aired in UN last week. But such maneuvers could not alter the fact stated by international law professor D. F. Fleming (**Annals of the American Academy, July, 1953**): "Western imperialism in Asia is finished, especially its remnants on the borders of China."

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Public power

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composed of "active and aggressive" foes of public power.

NOT ONE LINE: The fight to save farmer-owned REA co-ops, which have helped bring electricity to 4,000,000 farm homes in 20 years, may be the hottest Congressional battle on a domestic issue. Damage already done is extensive: in September NFU pres. Patton reviewed the first eight months of the Eisenhower regime:

> "Not a single new line to serve REA co-ops was started, and lines already under construction were drastically slowed down. The government's contracts with REA generating and transmission co-ops in the Southwest were deliberately broken, thus confronting 250,000 farmer owners of those co-ops with the choice of bankruptcy or a forced sell-out to private power companies."

Last week the NFU called a nation-wide protest meeting in Denver Dec. 10-11 to protest the Administration's electric power policy.

The recent CIO convention said:

> "All of these developments and others are clear proof of a general over-all plan by the Eisenhower Administration to destroy the public power systems which have been built up over the past 20 years. . . . We condemn and deplore this policy and will fight it with all our resources. . . ."

THE WORST BLOW: One way to drive farmer co-ops into bankruptcy—and into the pockets of private companies—has been thought up by Budget Director Joseph Dodge, a Detroit banker. He has ordered Agriculture Secy. Benson to give "prompt consideration" to raising all interest rates on REA loans to farmer co-ops. Since the rates can be changed only by Congress, this will be a basic issue in the next session.

Biggest blow to the farmer co-ops is a new interpretation by McKay of the basic law which grants preference, in the claim to public power, to rural electric co-ops, public power groups and municipalities. Power in excess of their needs was available to private companies, but could be withdrawn on three to five years' notice to provide for expansion in the priority groups' needs.

Under McKay's new regulations, private firms can buy public power on a 20-year non-withdrawal basis; co-ops and others must now submit estimates of their needs for the next 20 years by Jan. 1—a physical impossibility. If they plan future expansions, they must contract for more electricity than they can presently use and pay a heavy charge even though it goes to waste.

IKE IS MUM: The **Peoples Voice**, progressive paper published in Helena, Mont., spelled out what this means for co-ops in that state:

> The policy interpretation announced a few weeks ago not only will work to stymie further expansion of service by REA co-ops, but, here in Montana, approximately half of such farmer-owned co-ops are in danger of going out of existence.

Sen. James Murray (D-Mont.), long a champion of public power, demanded of the President that the new policy be postponed "until the Interior Dept. and the Congress have opportunity to give the proposed changes very thorough study."

A delegation representing rural electric groups in the ten Missouri River Basin states went to Washington last month to seek a delay in the new regulations until Jan. 1, 1955. Fred G. Aandahl, Asst. Secy. of the Interior, told them the new policy will be applied; after a talk with the President, a spokesman said: "We got no commitments on anything."

The Missouri Basin group has announced it will ask for an injunction against the new regulations.

At least two other issues related to public power will be fought out in the next session of Congress; one is a bill by Rep. George A. Dondero (R-Mich.) to halt the "creeping socialism" of TVA; another, which already has House approval, would turn the development of Niagara River power over to private utilities.

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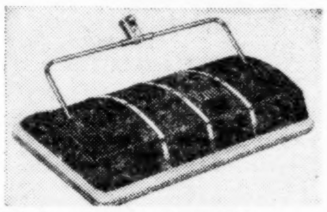

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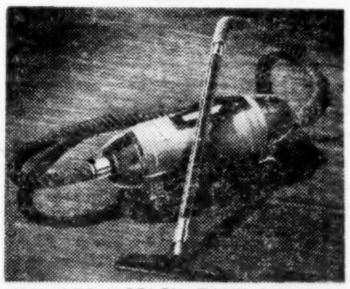

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9	.30	.55	.65	.80	1.00	1.24	1.52	1.77
10	.32	.59	.70	.87	1.10	1.36	1.67	1.95
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CLARENCE C. WILSON, a tall, broad-shouldered man, sat on a high stool in the storefront factory of his Klarex Beauty Products Co., 1730 Fulton St., Bklyn., and talked gently of how his house had been set on fire twice.

Calmly he repeated what he told another reporter earlier: "I'm not afraid to move in. Some have to die that others might live. I regard the incident as part of a war. The future of other generations, their chance to live peacefully, depends upon whether I move in now."

Wilson is a Negro; the war he referred to was the every-day war against jimcrow. He said Mrs. Wilson was prepared to fight it out, too, and dare to move into lily-white Deauville Gardens, Copiague, L. I. with their three sons, Clarence Jr., 8; Linwood, 6; Richard, 3.

THE TROUBLE STARTS: It didn't look like war when a friend offered Wilson a plot of land at a fair price late in 1949, or when a contractor agreed to put up a modest house for the Wilsons in 1952. There was talk of opposition in Deauville Gardens even then, but as Wilson told it last week, the plot of ground was so far away from neighboring houses that he was sure he'd be "no trouble to anybody."

Last spring, though, when plans for the house had jelled, the contractor broke the news. Wilson recalled: "Like many white people he began by saying he didn't want me to think he had any prejudices, that he had many colored friends, had Negroes working for him and respected them." Then the contractor added that there were people in the community who didn't want a Negro neighbor, that he couldn't afford to be the first contractor to build for a Negro in the area, that he would lose his business. He offered to build for the Wilsons in a "fringe area."

WHITE FIRE: Another contractor from outside the area agreed to build. By Nov. 14 the foundation was laid, the walls were up, the roof on. The hardwood parquet flooring was stacked in heaps on the second floor ready to be put down. But as yet there were no locks on the doors. At 1 a.m. the flooring was soaked in kerosene or gasoline and set on fire. Eaves, shingles, electric wiring were burned. A friend who drove past the house Sunday morning telephoned the Wilsons.

The Babylon police had been informed but failed to notify the Wilsons. The Westchester Insurance Co. declined to pay because there was no lock on the door. The Wilsons took the loss, went on with their plans.

ARSONISTS RETURN: Mr. Wilson visited the neighborhood to watch the work. He said of Deauville Gardens: "No one acts friendly. They keep their heads straight and stay in their back yards. No one would come over and talk to us."

On the week-end of Nov. 22 fog lay thickly over all Long Island. When it lifted a little on Sunday, Wilson drove to the house and found it had been burned again that morning. This time the doors were locked; the arsonists had lighted tar paper and burned the walls from the outside. The Amityville Fire Dept. said they had notified the Babylon police. The Babylon police said they knew nothing about it.

FRIENDLY STRANGERS: Within days after the second fire the Westchester Insurance Co. canceled Wilson's insurance, claiming there was more than "normal risk." Without insurance coverage, the banks canceled mortgage plans.

On the other side of the ledger, the Wilsons were kept busy answering mail and phone

CLARENCE WILSON
Some are not afraid

calls, most of them friendly. Many whites as well as Negroes, total strangers to the Wilsons, offered to guard the house. The Central Long Island NAACP branch went into action. Quickly 100 volunteers offered the NAACP their services for guard duty. The Babylon police set up their own guard and NAACP watchers made regular rounds to check on the guards. Dr. Eugene P. Reed, pres. of the NAACP branch, in a letter asked Babylon's town board to set up a "committee on unity" to handle matters of discrimination (at press time there was no answer from the board); posted a $50 reward for information leading to arrest and conviction of the arsonists.

THE MEETING: Reed received two letters which he turned over to the District Atty. One said: "Stop annoying the white people before something will happen to you." Another advised: "Wait until the Niggers move in. Then burn them all down."

They could have been cranks. No word came from Deauville Gardens on the subject until last Friday night when 60-70 people crowded into a meeting of the Deauville Gardens Civic Assn. Wilson, Reed and other NAACP representatives had been invited. The townspeople unanimously disclaimed any connection with the fires, any responsibility for them—but one speaker after another made clear the prevailing sentiment against the Wilsons' moving in. Arguments centered around theories of a threat to property values and the likelihood of inter-racial marriage. One man asked Wilson if he was "sorry for all the trouble he started."

THE SOUTH & THE NORTH: Dr. Reed punctured the arguments one by one and asked if there was anybody in the room who would act in this matter in the name of "justice, the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God." One man stood up.

To a tense audience of 1,000 at nearby Amityville High School last Tuesday evening Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt came to talk on segregation. She had been invited months earlier to the NAACP rally to raise funds to fight school segregation in the south. She talked more of India than Deauville Gardens, deplored jimcrow only in general terms. Dr. Reed talked about the question closer to home, however, and Clarence Wilson said he was going to build. At the NAACP collection pitch the Wilsons' contractor, a white man, gave $100.

Teachers

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Arch Enemy of Individual Liberty," found the country "crumbling from within" and traced the crumbling to Roosevelt's Supreme Court appointments in 1937. Published in 1951 with the New Deal still echoing faintly in Washington, the Major attacked strong central government and "the elective despotism of a tyrannous majority."

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Speakers will be David Rein, Washington attorney and expert on constitutional law, who has represented many persons called before Congressional investigating committees; Chas. R. Allen Jr., former associate editor of **The Nation**, a muckraking reporter who is the author of the forthcoming book **McCarthy & Co.**, to be published by Cameron & Kahn; Cedric Belfrage, editor, and James Aronson, executive editor of the GUARDIAN, both of whom were extremely unfriendly witnesses before the McCarthy Committee. Kumar Goshal, the GUARDIAN's UN correspondent, and well-known author and lecturer, will be chairman.

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Satire on Hollywood: W. C. Fields in **The Bank Dick**, Dec. 11-13.
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Shorts: A Good Job (Saroyan 1942); **La Rose et la Reseda** (Fr., Rose and Mingonette, 1945), Andre Michel, dir., poem by Louis Aragon; **Formosa, Land of Promise** (1951 March of Time); **Some of the Best** (MGM, 1950).

Manhattan

AMERICAN, 256 E. 3d St. **Maximka** (Russ.) & **Flame of Araby**, Dec. 10-11.
BEVERLY, 3d Av. & 50th St. **The Informer** & **Night with Charlie Chaplin** (composite), Dec. 5-7.
CINEMA VERDI, 6th Av. & 39th St. Magnani in **Bellissima** & **Ettore Fieramosca** (both It. with Eng. subtitles), Dec. 10-17.
85TH ST. TRANSLUX, 85th & Madison. **The Four Poster**, Dec. 9-11.
8TH ST. PLAYHOUSE, 52 W. 8th. **Suspicion** (Br.) & **Kiss of Death**, Dec. 5-8.
52D ST. TRANSLUX, Lexington & 52d. **Lili**, cont.
GRAMERCY, Lexington & 23d St. **Four Poster** & **The Big Heat**, thru Dec. 5.
GRANDE, 86th & Lexington. **Singing in the Rain** (musical) & **Bend in the River**, Dec. 5-7.
GREENWICH, Greenwich Av. & 12th St. **Shane** & **Bad and the Beautiful**, thru Dec. 5.
GUILD, 33 W. 50th. **Martin Luther** (docum. biog.), cont.
HOLIDAY, B'way & 47th St. **The Joe Louis Story**, cont.
NORMANDIE, 110 W. 57th St. **The Little Fugitive** (Morris Engel-Ray Ashley Venice winner), cont.
PARIS, 4 W. 58th St. **Captain's Paradise** (Br., Guinness), cont.
PLAZA, 58th & Madison. **Julius Caesar**, cont.
72D ST. TRANSLUX, 346 E. 72d. **Stage Door** (reissue), thru Dec. 8; **Follow the Fleet** (Astaire-Rogers reissue), Dec. 9-15.
68TH ST. PLAYHOUSE, 1164 3d Av. **Stalag 17**, thru Dec. 8.
STANLEY, 7th Av. at 41st St. **Sadko**, by Rimsky-Korsakov & **Stars of the Ukraine** (both Russ.), from Dec. 5.
STODDARD, B'way & 90th. **Stalag 17**, cont.
SUTTON, 3d Av. & 57th St. **Disney's Living Desert** (full-length docum.), cont.
THALIA, B'way & 95th St. **The Male Brute** (formerly **The Savage Triangle**, Fr. study of corruption) & **Fear and Desire**, Dec. 2-8; **Justice Is Done** (Fr.), Dec. 9-15.
WAVERLY, 6th Av. & 3d St. **So Big** & **Moonlighter**, Dec. 8-10.

Events for Children

Films

AMER. MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, Central Park W. at 79th St. **Plant Traps; Earth Worms** & **The Mosquito**, Wed., Dec. 9, 4 p.m. **Dr. Ehrlich's Magic Bullet**, Sat., Dec. 12, 2 p.m. Free.
MUSEUM OF CITY OF N. Y., 5th Av. & 103d St. **East of Bombay** (travel docum. of Mohammedan and Buddhist peoples) & **Flight to California** (tour of Calif. cities and parks), Sat., Dec. 5, 3 p.m. Free.
B'KLYN CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, B'klyn Av. & Park Pl. **Black Bear Twins** & **Snakes Are Interesting**, 11 a.m.; **Coronation of Queen Elizabeth** (15 min.) & **Passenger Trains**, 2 p.m.; **Navajo Children** & **Exploring Space**, 4 p.m. Sat., Dec. 12. Free.
85TH ST. TRANSLUX, 85th & Madison. **Challenge to Lassie**, Dec. 5; **Smoky**, Dec. 12.
B'KLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC, Lafayette Av. & Ashland Pl. **Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs** (full length feature), Sat., Dec. 12, 3 p.m. $1.
B'KLYN MUSEUM, E. Parkway & Wash. Av. **The Navajo Indian**, 4 p.m., Sun., Dec. 13. Free.

Plays

GANGLER'S CIRCUS, McMillan Theater, Columbia University, B'way at 116th St. Real live circus with dancing bear, high-diving dog, trick pony, clowns and ringmaster. Children ages 4-10. For tickets and information call Mrs. M. Hadas, MO 3-5709 or Mrs. R. Hofstadter, MO 3-5212. Do not call the theater. Tickets at box office after 2 p.m. day of performance. Dec. 5, 3 p.m. 50c.
SLEEPING BEAUTY, Children's Playmart Theater at Carl Fischer Concert Hall, 165 W. 57th St. Sun., Dec. 13, 2:45 p.m. 75c-$1.20. Subscription (set of 4) 60c-90c.
FIVE LITTLE PEPPERS AND HOW THEY GREW, Junior Theater, Carnegie Recital Hall, 154 W. 57th St. Performances 2 p.m. on Sats., thru Dec. 26. Admission: $1.20, $1.80, $2.40. CI 6-0224.
SHOEMAKER AND THE ELVES, Children's Own Theater. Also variety show of Mexican songs, dances and games. Metropolitan-Duane, 201 W. 13th St., cor. 7th Av. Sats., thru Dec. 19. 3 p.m. Adm.: 76c, $1.20 & $1.80.

Miscellaneous

B'KLYN CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, B'klyn Av. & Park Pl. **Story Hour**, 11:30 a.m.; **Live Animal Show**, 1:15 p.m.; Science demonst., **What Makes Wheels Go Around**, 2:30 p.m.; **Planetarium Show**, 3 p.m.; Cultural History, **So. America**, 3:30 p.m. Free. Sat., Dec. 12.
FOLKSING, Marilyn & Bob Wood, folk singers and audience sing-song. Henry St. Playhouse, 466 Grand St. Sat., Dec. 12, 3 p.m. Children 10c, adults 60c.

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HEAVENLY EXPRESS. Albert Bein's 1940 ballad-fantasy on death, vagabonds. Equity Library Theater, 331 E. 70th St. Dec. 2-6, 8:40 p.m., mat., 3 p.m. Sun., Dec. 6. Free. Reserv: LE 5-2340.
SIMPLETON OF THE UNEXPECTED ISLES, By G. B. Shaw. Vaughn-James production, Davenport Theater, 138 E. 27th St. 8:45 nightly except Monday. $1-$3. Reserv: MU 4-9485.
CANDIDA, Shaw comedy on marriage. Town Hall Players non-professional company. 8:30 p.m., Dec. 7-11, 342 E. 63d St. $1.25. TE 8-2446.
THE EMPEROR'S CLOTHES, by George Tabori, directed by David Pressman. Greenwich Mews interracial theater. 141 W. 13th St. Nightly except Mon. & Fri., 8:40 p.m. Reserv: TR 3-4810.
THE WORLD OF SHOLOM ALEICHEM, 19th century Jewish humor dramatized by Arnold Perl. Barbizon-Plaza Theater, 58th & 6th Av. Tues.-Sun. eves., mats. Sat. & Sun. CO 5-7845.
OTHELLO, Shakespeare Guild Festival professional repertory. Jan Hus House, 351 E. 74th St. Thurs.-Sun. eves., 8:40. $1.20-$1.80; Sat. mat., 2:40. 78c-$1.20, thru Dec. 20. TR 9-5430.
N. Y. CITY CENTER, 131 W. 55th St. Tues.-Sun. eves, $1.20-$3.60. Sat. & Sun. mats. $1.20-$3.
The Shrike, Jose Ferrer & Judith Evelyn. Nov. 25-Dec. 6.
Shakespeare's **Richard III**, Dec. 9-20.

Music and Dance

LARRY ADLER. Harmonica concert. Town Hall., 113 W. 43rd St. 8:30 p.m., Dec. 8. $1.20-$3.60, box office or Allen Assoc., 113 W. 57.
JOSH WHITE, folk songs. Columbia Univ. Institute, McMillin Theater, B'way & 116th Et. 8:30 p.m., Thurs., Dec. 10. $1.50. UN 5-4000.
PEARL PRIMUS dance group. 1:30 & 3:30 p.m. Sun., Dec. 13, YM-YWHA Auditorium, Lexington Av. & 92d St. $1, $1.50, $2.
LA PUMA OPERA WORKSHOP. **Il Trovatore**, 8 p.m., Sun., Dec. 6; **Aida**, 8 p.m., Sun., Dec. 13. Free, write for tickets or call TR 4-9646 2-5 p.m.
AMATO OPERA, 8:30 p.m., 159 Bleecker St. Free. Reserv: GR 7-2844. **La Boheme**, Dec. 4-6, 11-13.

Miscellaneous

FREDERICK L. SCHUMAN, lecture on foreign policy "Rewriting Our Promises." Cooper Union Forum, 4th Av. & Astor Pl. 8:30 p.m., Fri., Dec. 4. Free.
CHARLES WHITE, reception, exhibition, discussion of his work. 4-7 p.m., Sun., Dec. 6. Arts, Sciences & Professions Gallery, 35 W. 64th St.
BOOK FAIR. Authors & publishers discuss new works, problems of authors in our time. Philip Bonosky, Albert Kahn, Eve Merriam, Arthur Kahn, Henry Meyer, others. ASP Writing & Publishing Div. at ASP Clubhouse, 35 W. 64th St. 3-7 p.m. Sun., Dec. 13.
EDWIN BERRY BERGUM, last lecture in "Crisis in American Literature" series, "The New Critics," 8:30 p.m. Sun., Dec. 6, ASP clubrooms, 35 W. 64th St. $1.
WEST INDIAN CARNIVAL, color movies of 1953 Trinidad Carnival, Caribbean refreshments. Edna Smith and her Dots with music for dancing. 8:30 p.m., Sat., Dec. 12, 447 Lenox Av. (bet. 132-133 Sts.) Spons: Friends of Harlem Affairs Committee. Cont.: $1.
CAN McCARTHY DESTROY THE FIFTH AMENDMENT? Guardian Forum with David Rein, civil liberties atty., writer Charles R. Allen Jr., Guardian's Belfrage, Aronson, Goshal. 8:30 p.m., Thurs., Dec. 10, Fraternal Clubhouse, 110 W. 48th St. $1.25.
THE THIRD PARTY QUESTION and Coalition Politics. Forum with Clifford T. McAvoy, George Blake Charney, **Daily Worker's** Alan Max, chairman. 8:30 p.m., Sun., Dec. 6, Jefferson School, 575 Av. of Americas, $1.

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